

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
MUTIAL FIRE AND LIGHTNING INSURANCE COMPANY
OF DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, We the undersigned Peter Anderson, Peter Damskov and Nels H. Nelson, all of Sidney, Dawson County, Montana, adult residents of the State of Montana, together with forty other residents of the County of Dawson, State of Montana, who collectively own in said County, property exceeding the value of Twenty five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars which they desire to have insured, and whose name and addresses are hereinafter stated, do hereby associate ourselves and by these Articles have associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation, and to become incorporated and carry on the business of mutually insuring the property of ourselves and of those associated with us, or those that may hereafter become associated with us, against loss or damage by fire or lightning, under the provisions of the laws of the State of Montana relating to "Mutual Rural Insurance Companies", and for that purpose we hereby agree to the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE FIRST

The Name of this corporation shall be and is: MUTUAL FIRE AND LIGHTNING INSURANCE COMPANY OF DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA.

ARTICLE SECOND

The purpose of this corporation shall be and is to establish a Mutual Insurance Company for the farmers of Dawson County, and to carry on the business of such insurance with the view of insuring and protecting the property of its farmer or rural members against loss or damage caused by fire, lightning, cyclone or tornado.

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ARTICLE THIRD

The County in which the operations of this corporation shall be carried on shall be in the County of Dawson, State of Montana; and the principal business shall be transacted, and the main office of this corporation shall be in the Town of Sidney, in said County of Dawson, State of Montana.

ARTICLE FOURTH

The period of time for which this corporation shall exist shall be twenty (20) years from and after the date of issuance of its certificate of incorporation.

ARTICLE FIFTH

The number of Directors of this corporation shall be seven (7) in number, and Nels H. Nelson, Peter Damskov, Christ Christianson, Peter Anderson, Hans Nelson, all of Sidney, Dawson County, Montana, and Walter Josephsen of Ridgelawn, and Nels Bentson of Brorson, Dawson County, Montana, are hereby appointed and constituted the Directors of this corporation for the first three months from the date hereof, and untill their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE SIXTH

The names of the incorporators, with their Postoffice address, and the value of property desired insured and owned by each in said Dawson County, Montana is set opposite their respective names, and are as follows:

Names of Incorporators	Address	Value of Property owned and desired insured
Nels H. Nelson	Sidney, Dawson County, Mont.---	\$1000.00
Peter Anderson	" " "	\$1000.00
Peter Damskov	" " "	\$ 800.00
Marius Anderson	" " "	\$1000.00
Adolph Hanson	" " "	\$1000.00
Andrew Anderson	" " "	\$1000.00
John C. Johnson	" " "	\$1000.00
Charles Thompson	" " "	\$1000.00
A. M. Morgan	" " "	\$1000.00

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Names of Incorporators	Address				Value of Property owned and desired insured
Tom Christianson	Sidney,	Dawson	County,	Mont.	-- \$1000.00
A. H. Hanson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Chris Christianson	"	"	"	"	\$ 500.00
Geo. W. Sorenson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Andrew S. Hanto	"	"	"	"	\$ 500.00
Rasmus Nelson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Nels Christianson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Andrew M. Anderson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Chris P. Sorenson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Joseph Kelly	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
W. M. Christianson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Chris Jensen	"	"	"	"	\$1800.00
Hans Nelson	"	"	"	"	\$1500.00
Hans J. Larson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Niels Rasmussen	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
A. P. Anderson	"	"	"	"	\$1500.00
Peter Hendrickson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Harry T. Hanson	"	"	"	"	\$ 650.00
H. C. Betker	"	"	"	"	\$1500.00
M. L. Benner	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Walter Josephsen, Ridgelaw,	"	"	"	"	\$2000.00
Ed Nelson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Robert Ullman	"	"	"	"	\$ 300.00
Ernest Ullman	"	"	"	"	\$ 500.00
Chris N. Johnson, Brorson,	"	"	"	"	\$ 500.00
Tony B. Jenson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Carl Sorenson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
H. G. Bertleson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Olaf Rasmussen	"	"	"	"	\$ 500.00
Peter Bentson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
John C. Johnson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Jake Johnson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
A. C. Anderson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00
Nels Bentson	"	"	"	"	\$1000.00

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
seals this 21st day of May, A.D. 1913.

Nels H. Nelson

Peter Anderson

Peter Damskov

State of Montana (ss

County of Dawson (

On this 21st day of May, A.D. 1913, before
me, F. J. Matoushek, a Notary Public in and for the State of
Montana, personally appeared Nels H. Nelson, Peter Anderson and
Peter Damskov, all of Sidney, Dawson County, Montana, each of
whom is known to me personally to be one of the incorporators
and the persons who are described in and who executed the within
Articles of Incorporation, and severally acknowledged to me that
they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my
official seal the day and year first in this certificate written.

F. J. Matoushek

Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Sidney, Montana.

My Commission expires Nov. 27, 1914.

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Helena, Montana, May 31, 1913.

WHEREAS, THE MUTUAL FIRE AND LIGHTNING INSURANCE COMPANY OF DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, has filed in this office a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, duly certified to by the County Clerk and Recorder of Dawson County, in compliance with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 30, Tenth Legislative Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation, management and regulation of Mutual Companies for the insurance of property of the members against loss or damage by fire and the elements", and has paid the fee required in such case, and

WHEREAS, such Articles of Incorporation have been examined by this Department and appear to be in compliance with the regulations required by said Act,

THEREFORE, I, Wm. Keating, State Auditor of the State of Montana, and Commissioner of Insurance Ex officio of said State of Montana, do hereby certify that such Articles of Incorporation have been regularly placed on file in the office of the State Auditor on the thirty-first day of May, 1913, and the MUTUAL FIRE AND LIGHTNING INSURANCE COMPANY OF DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, is hereby granted authority to transact the business of insurance as specified and authorized by the provisions of the Act above quoted and referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, at the State Capitol, at the City of Helena, this thirty-first day of May, 1913.

STATE OF MONTANA,
County of Dawson.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

I, R. L. Wyman

, County Clerk in and for said

County and State, hereby certify that the attached is a true, full and correct copy of

Articles of Incorporation of "MUTUAL FIRE AND LIGHTING INS-

SURANCE COMPANY OF DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA"

Filed in my office on the 24th day of May A. D. 1913

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of
said County this 24th day of May A. D. 1913

By

County Clerk.

Deputy.

THE INDEPENDENT, GLENDALE, MONTANA